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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6287

BILL NUMBER: SB 25

DATE PREPARED: Nov 6, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Fee Remission for Veterans' Children.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill extends the public college and university tuition and fee remission program to children of veterans who, after June 30, 1999, serve during a war or perform hazardous duty. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would increase the level of statutory fee remissions for state-supported colleges and universities. The university's general fund absorbs the costs of fee remissions. Universities must provide statutory remissions first; the remainder of the money is discretionary. As statutory requirements increase, the level of discretionary dollars decreases.

The number of individuals for whom the expanded benefits of this provision could affect is indeterminable. Since current law provides benefit for service before July 1, 1999, the impact of the bill would probably be minor for the next ten years.

The following table illustrates the number of students in FY 1999 and FY 2000 whom state-supported institutions report received fee remissions under the current Children of Disabled Veterans statute.

	1998-1999			1999-2000		
	Awards	Amount	Avg. Award	Awards	Amount	Avg. Award
Ball State	416	\$1,012,788	\$2,435	343	\$980,830	\$2,860
Indiana State	190	\$378,658	\$1,993	206	\$656,018	\$3,185
Indiana University	4,374	\$3,020,310	\$691	4,230	\$3,355,613	\$793
Ivy Tech	1,320	\$1,210,533	\$917	1,430	\$1,287,687	\$900
Purdue University	801	\$1,909,423	\$2,384	783	\$1,802,734	\$2,302
University of Southern Indiana	218	\$258,224	\$1,185	198	\$266,609	\$1,347
Vincennes	196	\$216,111	\$1,103	170	\$360,757	\$2,122
Statewide Totals	7,515	\$8,006,047	\$1,065	7,360	\$8,710,248	\$1,183

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Higher Education Institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Table VIII of State Appropriation Requests for 2001-03 for Indiana University, Ball State University, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Ivy Tech, Purdue University, University of Southern Indiana, Vincennes University.